

LETTERS†

Concerning California State Standards for Production and Distribution of Filtered and Unfiltered Human Plasma and Serum.

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State of California

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Sacramento

February 4, 1942.

Dear Doctor Kress:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the State Biologics Act and Regulations that have been passed under this act.

On January 17, 1942, the State Board of Health passed Regulations No. 12 and No. 13 which established minimum standards for the production and distribution of filtered and unfiltered human plasma and serum. It had come to the attention of the Board that numerous plasma and serum banks are being set up throughout the state as an emergency measure and it was deemed advisable to establish definite minimum standards for the production and distribution of these materials in order to protect the public against contaminated and other improperly prepared material and in order to prevent the wastage of human blood through improper means of preparation and storage.

I am transmitting this information (Re: The Biologics Act—Health and Safety Code, Chapter 4, Sections 1600-1621), to you for such use as you may desire to make of it in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

Very truly yours,

BERTRAM P. BROWN,
Director of Public Health.

Concerning Transportation of Narcotics over Mexican Border.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
United States Customs Service

San Diego, December 23, 1941.

To the Editor:—Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 18th, with enclosures, relative to narcotics seized from doctors arriving from Mexico.

You are advised that the law precludes doctors from importing and exporting narcotics, their licenses only permitting their retention of the narcotics in the United States. This is an unfortunate situation for the doctors visiting Lower California and the matter was reported to the Bureau for their consideration, and the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington ruled that it was a violation of the import and export narcotic law and there was no authority to permit such transactions without a special license. Therefore, it is necessary for this office to make seizures.

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. B. GEORGE, *Collector of Customs.*

Concerning Traffic Accident Prevention.

CALIFORNIA SAFETY COUNCIL, INC.

"A Statewide Citizens Traffic Accident Prevention Agency"

Established 1935—a Non Profit Association

To the Editor:—Enclosed is copy of our new 1942 Platform of Objectives which we hope to prosecute

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with unabated vigor during the next year, to help meet the special needs of National Defense.

Your continued coöperation to the extent of your time and means will materially aid in furthering these plans for Highway Modernization.

We shall be pleased to supply copies of our Safe Driving Pledge, now being extensively used throughout the State to help build and maintain a community safety consciousness.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) BERNARD C. BRENNAN, *President.*

Here's Your Opportunity to Lessen Traffic Mishaps in California

Here's the Golden Rule Safe Driver Pledge, which pedestrians as well as motorists are urged to sign and mail to the California Safety Council:

To Help Make My Own Community, California's Safest City—

To Conserve Human Life—

To help prevent destruction of national resources and as an aid to National Defense—

I HEREBY PLEDGE MYSELF TO:

1. Drive toward others as I wish others to drive toward me;
 2. Yield right of way to pedestrians;
 3. Pass cars only when visibility is clear and the road ahead can be observed;
 4. Study traffic regulations and OBSERVE them;
 5. Be in complete control of my automobile while driving it;
 6. Cooperate continuously in applying these safety principles.
- Mail to: CALIFORNIA SAFETY COUNCIL, INC., 610 S. Main Street, Los Angeles; or 742 Market Street, San Francisco.

Concerning Enlistment of Women Technicians in U. S. Army

(COPY)

JOHN V. BARROW, M. D.
Los Angeles

February 5, 1942.

Dear Doctor Kress:

As a member of the state committee on Associated Societies and Technical Groups I have been asked:

1. Can women technicians in medical laboratories enlist for service of a like nature in the United States Army?
2. May they receive commissions, and of what rank?
3. What is the procedure of enlistment?

Thanking you for any information or suggestions and with the further suggestion that you publish such in the Journal.

I am as always,

(Signed) JOHN V. BARROW, M. D.,
Chairman Committee on Associated Societies and Technical Groups.

February 7, 1942.

Dear Doctor Barrow:

Doctor Kress has given me your letter of February 5, relative to the enlistment of women technicians in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. I am advised by administrative officers of the Army Medical Corps that present regulations prohibit the enlistment of women technicians in the Army with commissions or under Army regulations for commissioned officers.

However, women technicians are employed at Army Hospitals as civilian employees. The Adjutant at an Army hospital can give complete information to women technicians on the procedure for employment in this manner, and in some cases the commanding officer of an Army hospital can arrange for such employment on his own authority.

I trust this information will be of help to those who have inquired about this of you.

Very truly yours,

JOHN HUNTON,
Executive Secretary.